

ADVANCE APPROPRIATIONS

An advance appropriation is one made to become available one year or more beyond the year for which the appropriations act is passed. Advance appropriations in 2016 appropriations acts will become available for programs in 2017 or beyond. Since these appropriations are not available until after 2016, the amounts will not be included in the 2016 totals, but will be reflected in the totals for the year for which they are requested.

The Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (31 U.S.C. 1105(a)(17)) requires inclusion in the budget of information on estimates of appropriations for the fiscal year following the fiscal year for which the budget is submitted for grants, contracts, and other payments under each program for which there is an authorization of appropriations for that following fiscal year when the appropriations are authorized to be included in an appropriation law for the fiscal year before the fiscal year in which the appropriation is to be available for obligation. In fulfillment of this requirement, the accompanying table lists those accounts that have either received discretionary or mandatory advance appropriations since 2014 or will request, in 2016, advance appropriations for 2017 and beyond and cites the applicable authorizing statute.

For additional information on advance appropriations, please refer to the Budget Process chapter in the *Analytical Perspectives* volume.

Advance Appropriations by Agency in the 2016 Budget

(Budget authority in millions of dollars)

Agency/Program	2014	Pre-cancellation Enacted Levels 2015	2016	2017 Request
Discretionary One-year Advances:				
Department of Education (20 U.S.C. 1223)				
Education for the Disadvantaged	10,841	10,841	10,841	10,841
Special Education	9,283	9,283	9,283	9,283
Career, Technical, and Adult Education	791	791	791	791
School Improvement Programs	1,681	1,681	1,681	1,681
Department of Housing and Urban Development (42 U.S.C. 1437 et seq.):				
Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Project-Based Rental Assistance	400	400	400	400
Department of Labor:				
Training and Employment Services (29 U.S.C. 2801 et seq.)	1,772	1,772	1,772	1,772
Department of Veterans Affairs (P.L. 111-81):				
Medical Services	43,557	45,016	47,603	51,673

Medical Support and Compliance	6,033	5,880	6,144	6,524
Medical Facilities	4,872	4,739	4,915	5,074
<i>Enacted (P.L. 113-76) and P.L. 113-235 and Proposed Cancellations and Reappropriations¹</i>				
2015 Enacted Cancellations (P.L. 113-235)	-1,800	-1,750	-1,750	.....
	.....	-37	.....	.....
General Services Administration (40 U.S.C. 592):				
Federal Buildings Fund ² .....	.....	.....	.....	9,948
Postal Service:				
Payment to Postal Service Fund (39 U.S.C. 2401)	78	71	41	67
Discretionary Two-year Advances:				
Corporation for Public Broadcasting (47 U.S.C. 396) ³	445	445	445	445
Subtotal, Discretionary Advance Appropriations	81,953	83,132	86,166	102,499
Mandatory:				
Department of Agriculture:				
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (7 U.S.C. 2027) .....	.....	.....	.....	20,907
Department of Health and Human Services:				
Grants to States for Medicaid (42 U.S.C. 1396)	106,336	103,472	113,272	115,583
Payments to States for Child Support Enforcement and Family Support (24 U.S.C. Ch. 9)	1,100	1,250	1,160	1,300
Payments for Foster Care and Permanency (P.L. 96-272)	2,200	2,200	2,300	2,300
Department of Labor:				
Special Benefits for Disabled Coal Miners (30 U.S.C. 921)	40	24	21	19
Department of Veterans Affairs (P.L. 113-235):⁴				
Compensation and Pensions .....	.....	.....	.....	87,039
Readjustment Benefits .....	.....	.....	.....	16,722
Veterans Insurance and Indemnities .....	.....	.....	.....	92
Social Security Administration:				
Supplemental Security Income Program (42 U.S.C. 1381)	19,300	19,700	19,200	14,500
Total, Advance Appropriations	210,929	209,778	222,119	360,961

¹The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014 (P.L. 113-76) cancelled \$1,800 million from the one-year funds advance appropriated for 2014 in P.L. 113-6 and reappropriated \$1,750 million with an extended period of availability. The Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (P.L. 113-235) cancelled \$1,750 million from the one-year funds advance appropriated for 2015 in P.L. 113-76 and reappropriated an equal amount with an extended period of availability. The 2016 Budget proposes to cancel \$1,750 million from the one-year funds advance appropriated for 2016 in P.L. 113-235 and reappropriate an equal amount for 2016 with an extended period of availability.

²The requested advance appropriation for the General Services Administration will be fully offset in 2017 by collections in the Federal Buildings Fund.

³The 2016 request includes a 2018 advance appropriation for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting of \$445 million, consistent with the historical practice of providing the Corporation a two-year advance appropriation.

⁴These amounts are net of the \$108 million in savings for Compensation and Pension and \$21 million in savings for Readjustment Benefits that will result from enactment of authorizing legislation that is proposed as part of the 2016 Budget.

